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As a preliminary step to its extensive construction program for 1925, the Southern California Edison Company is offering, commencing today, an additional block of \$10,000,000 series A 7% preferred stock. This new issue will first be offered to present stockholders of this company at a price of \$102. On January 15 any part of the issue which may not have been taken by present stockholders will be offered to the general public at such higher price and upon such terms as the Edison board of directors may determine.

For further additions to its generating plans and extensions to its distribution system, the Edison company plans to spend \$25,000,000 in 1925, the outstanding features being completion of the Long Beach tunnel, opening of Florence Lake tunnel, and the addition of two new water power generators at Big Creek, making additions in 1925 of 192,000 horsepower, bringing the company's total generating resources up to 634,600 horsepower.

Over one-third of this budget will be met by this new issue of preferred stock, and the remainder will be provided by eastern money through the sale of bonds, Company common and preferred, and the customer-ownership method of financing. F. L. Greenhouse, manager of the Edison investment department, states that in addition to large local holdings of bonds, to date \$60,000,000 has been invested by the general public in Edison stock common and preferred, and that over 90 per cent of these stockholders live in the territory served.

"Judging by the consistent sale of Edison stock in 1924 and the great interest recently shown in our securities, we look for a very heavy subscription to this new issue," Mr. Greenhouse said.

CHURCH NEWS

ATTEND SERVICES SUNDAY

FIRST CHRISTIAN
B. H. Lingenfelter, Pastor.
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Scott Ludlow, superintendent.
Morning service, 11 o'clock. Sermon, "The Christmas Spirit."
Evening service, 7:30 o'clock. Program by the Sunday school, entitled "White Gifts for the King." Christian Endeavor at 6:30.
Leader, Viola L. Crane.
Midweek meeting at the pastor's home, 721 Cota avenue, Wednesday evening at 7:30.
The church solicits the aid of its friends in finishing its new building. Labor is always acceptable.

EPISCOPAL
Christ Mission
Rev. T. P. Swift in charge.
Services are held for the present at the residence of W. T. Klusman, 2013 Carson street.
Morning service, 11 o'clock. Morning prayer and sermon.
The Woman's Guild meets the first and third Thursdays of the month.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL
Mission
1324 Sartori Avenue.
Rev. M. F. Cameron, Pastor.
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning service 11 o'clock. Breaking of bread.
Evening service, 7:30 o'clock. Gospel service.
Street meeting, 6:45, corner Sartori and Marcelina.
Tuesday, 7:30, prayer and gospel.
Wednesday, 2 o'clock, women only.
Thursday, 7:30, Bible study.
A cordial invitation to all. Come and bring a friend.

CATHOLIC
Rev. Reardon, Pastor.
Mass celebrated Sundays at 7:30 and 9:30 a. m.
Sunday school, 10 a. m. Sunday and 4 p. m. Saturday.
Benediction, 7:45 Sunday evening.

FIRST BAPTIST
J. Whitfield Green, Pastor.
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. A. G. Solomon, superintendent.
Morning service, 11 o'clock.
Evening evangelistic service, 7:30 o'clock.
B. Y. P. U., 6:45 p. m. Eddie McGuire, president.
Wednesday evening, prayer meeting.

to come and worship with us at the home church.

FIRST METHODIST
Fred M. Essig, Pastor.
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. O. A. Leatherman and G. L. Mowry, general superintendents. Classes and a hearty welcome for all.
Morning service, 11 o'clock. Sermon by the pastor on the question, "Where Is He That Is Born King of the Jews?"
Evening service, 7:30 o'clock. Musical evening. A Christmas cantata, "The Angelic Choir," will be given by the augmented choir.
Epworth League, 6:30. A devotional service by devoted young people.
Tuesday, 7:30, Christmas tree and program for the Sunday school. A Christmas play will be given.
Wednesday, 7:30, prayer meeting.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
Stone and Myers Chapel
1732 Cabrillo Ave.
Sunday services at 11 a. m.
Sunday school classes, 9:30 a. m.
Wednesday evening meeting are held at 8 p. m.

KEYSTONE SUNDAY SCHOOL
A very interesting program will be given by the Sunday school in Keystone Community hall Sunday evening, Dec. 21, at 7 o'clock.
Everyone in Keystone, old or young, is very cordially invited.
There will also be a tree and treat for everyone. You come!

LOMITA COMMUNITY CHURCH
E. E. Clark, Pastor.
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Robert McCartney, superintendent. Classes for all grades from the beginners to the Bible class.
Morning service, 11 o'clock. Subject, "Our Lord's Last Communion."
Evening service, 7:30 o'clock. Subject, "The Angels' Song."
Intermediary C. E. prayer meeting, 6:30 p. m. Topic, "The Christmas Story in Poetry and Song."
Tuesday, 2:30 p. m., Bible study class.
Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., Bible reading. Old Testament prophecies concerning the Messiah.
The Christmas celebration of the church and Sunday school will be held Tuesday evening, Dec. 23. Doors will be open at 7 o'clock. Program will begin at 7:30 o'clock. All parents, pupils, teachers and friends are cordially invited to come.

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By Mrs. Thompson

DOES NOT LIKE LOVE MAKING

Dear Mrs. Thompson: How can a girl tell whether she loves a boy or not? I have been going with a boy for fifteen months. He says he loves me and wants me to be engaged. I can't tell whether I love him. I do not want him to kiss me and it embarrasses me terribly when he asks. Would I feel this way if I loved him? When he lays his hands on me familiarly I almost hate him and feel like telling him I will never see him again. Would I feel like this if I loved him? How can I make him understand that I do not like this? I don't know how to tell him and sometimes think it would be the easiest way not to see him again without any explanation.

I have plenty of boy friends and some of them want to go with me. I don't dare tell my friend as he doesn't like to have me even ask to go.

Do all boys do things they shouldn't after they have gone with a girl for some time? Will they do this if they love and respect her?

LITTLE SENIOR

It may be that you have been educated to feel that it is wrong to have a boy want to kiss and love you. In that case you will probably become less embarrassed and less distressed as time goes on, because most boys make such advances. Your boy friend has not done anything out of the way in asking for kisses, because it is so evident that he loves you and wants you to marry him. It is not right, however, for young men to ask for a girl's kisses and love without proposing marriage.

I hardly believe you love the young man who cares for you, because if you did you would probably want him to make love to you. Love is still so new to you that you cannot judge. Wait until you know in your heart what love is.

I think it would be better to tell your friend frankly that it embarrasses and distresses you to have him make love or touch you. When he realizes that you are sincere he will not be so free.

Go with other boys, too, because a girl in her high school years is too young to settle down with one person. Even if the boy you have been going with doesn't like it, he will have to get used to having you go with other boys too. Don't ask his permission in such a matter.

FIANCEE'S VISITS STOP

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am a girl twenty-three and in love with a young man of twenty-four. He says he loves me dearly. I don't know what the matter is because he has not been over for some time and I don't even know if he is angry at me. The last time he was over we were the best of friends. We were going to be married a month from the time he stopped coming. Do you think he will ever come to see me or should I let him go? I surely do think a lot of this boy. I could not stand to give him up. My folks have thought a lot of him ever since I started going with him.

BROKEN HEARTED GIRL

It looks very much as if the young man found he did not love you enough to marry you and he lacked courage to tell you. By staying away he is letting you see that he no longer cares. The thing for you to do is to face your disappointment bravely, showing as much courage as the multitude of others who are suffering from a broken heart, but concealing the fact. Try not to suffer from humiliation and memories, but look for happiness in each day as it comes. If you meet this experience which has come into your life philosophically, not letting it dim your eyes to other blessings, it will not be long before you are yourself again, fully recovered from your disappointment.

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TIMELY WARNING

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am 17 years of age and a senior in high school. I have been going with a real nice boy since July and he seems to like me. He told me he loved me more than any other girl, and I surely love him. He has asked me to marry him and I told him I wanted to finish school before I did. Now he has joined the navy and said he never intends to marry because I refused him. He has written to me until a few days ago. Would it be all right for me to write him a card although I wrote the last letter?

WILD ROSE

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